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There's still time for an Indiana summer getaway;
VisitIndiana.com offers 300 discounts
Signs of increased travel evident

INDIANAPOLIS – With a few weeks remaining before Labor Day and more than 300 discounts on VisitIndiana.com, now is the perfect time to plan a close-to-home summer getaway.

The Indiana Office of Tourism Development has collaborated with hotels and attractions across Indiana to provide a variety of ways to relax and rejuvenate at an affordable price.

“Hoosiers looking for nearby travel deals have plenty of options,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “Before summer winds down, take a trip and enjoy some of what Indiana tourism offers without breaking the bank.”

Discounts and packages currently available include:

- Artists Colony Inn, Nashville: Summer Special. An overnight stay during the week with two complimentary adult vouchers for the breakfast buffet is available for \$99, plus tax. Offer expires Aug. 31. See listing for complete details.
- Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Santa Claus. \$4 off general admission on select days in August. See listing for complete details
- Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Park and Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park: Summer Staycation Special. Stay two consecutive nights Sunday through Thursday and pay half price for the second night. Offer expires Sept. 2. See listing for complete details.
- Conrad Indianapolis: Summer in the City. An overnight in a luxurious room, two vouchers for breakfast at Capitol Grille and free valet parking for \$169, plus tax. Offer expires Sept. 6. See listing for complete details.
- Marriott Fort Wayne: Zoo Adventure Package. Deluxe overnight accommodations, four one-day passes to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo (two adult, two children) and four complimentary breakfasts at Red River Restaurant from \$135 to \$164, plus tax. Offer expires Oct. 9. See listing for complete details.

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- French Lick Resort, French Lick: Donald Ross Experience. Package for one includes an overnight stay at the historic French Lick Springs Hotel, two rounds of golf at the Donald Ross Course, unlimited driving range and practice facility usage, cart rental, bag storage and shuttle services for \$259, plus tax. Offer expires Nov. 1. See listing for complete details.
- Indianapolis Zoo: Special Admission. \$7 tickets available the first Tuesday of each month through November. See listing for complete details.

As the summer travel season nears an end, many of Indiana's destinations report increased numbers. Business at Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks is up eight percent so far this year. The Columbus Visitors Center has indicated that visitation remains stronger than ever. Even restaurants and hotels, which were hit hard by the weakened economy, have started to rebound.

"Indiana is a popular destination because it offers variety, value and convenience," said Indiana Office of Tourism Director Amy Vaughan. "Whether seeking time away with the family or an outdoor adventure, Hoosiers should take advantage of the savings and recharge a little closer to home."

In addition to offering discounts, VisitIndiana.com showcases ways to enhance or extend your stay. Upcoming events and festivals are listed and trip ideas are provided. Visits to Indiana's official travel website are up 2.41 percent year to date compared to 2009 figures.

Fans of Indiana travel can also receive emails or connect through social media forums to learn more about exciting getaways and budget-friendly deals. Log on to VisitIndiana.com to learn more.

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Lt. Governor Becky Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Amy Vaughan serves as the agency's Director.